TO HIS BOOKE.

Goe little booke: thy ſelfe preſent,
As child whoſe parent is vnkent:
To him that is the preſident
Of nobleſſe and of cheualree,
And if that Enuie barke at thee,
As ſure it will, for ſuccoure flee
Vnder the ſhadow of his wing,
And aſked, who thee forth did bring,
A ſhepheards ſwaine ſaye did thee ſing,
All as his ſtraying flocke he fedde:
And when his honor has thee redde,
Craue pardon for my hardyhedde.
But if that any aſke thy name,
Say thou wert baſe begot with blame:
For thy thereof thou takeſt ſhame.
And when thou art paſt ieopardee,
Come tell me, what was ſayd of mee:
And I will ſend more after thee.

Immeritô.

¶ *To the moſt excelle*

Orator and Poete, Mayſt
verie ſpecial and ſingular go
deth the good lyking
and the patron
new Po
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VNCOVTHE VNK
Chaucer: vvhom for his e
his ſcholler Lidgate, a vvor
leth the Loadeſtarre of ou
his Æglogue calleth Tityr
to the worthines of the Ro
myne owne good friend M
ued vvell Pandares purpoſe, for the bolſtering
place in this our nevv Poete, vvho for that he i
vnknown to moſt mé, is regarded but offevv.
come into the knovvledg of men, and his vv
but that he ſhall be not onely kiſte, but alſo be
vvondred at of the beſt. No leſſe I thinke, de
neſſe in vttering, his complaints of loue ſo loue
his paſtorall rudeneſſe, his morall vviſeneſſe,
vvhere, in perſonages, in ſeaſons, in matter, in
citie of handeling his matter, and framing his v
in him be ſtraunge, I knovv vvill ſeeme the ſtra
auncient, the knitting of them ſo ſhort and int
of ſpeache ſo delightſome for the roundneſſe.
firſte of the vvordes to ſpeake, I graunt they be
yet both Engliſh, and alſo vſed of moſt excelle
vvhom vvhenas this our Poet hath bene much
it be, (as that vvorthy Oratour ſayde) but tha
cauſe he vvalked, yet needes he mought be ſunk
cient Poetes ſtill ringing in his eares, he moug
tunes. But whether he vſeth them by ſuch ca
choyſe, as thinking them fitteſt for ſuch ruſtical
theyr rough ſounde vvould make his rymes mo
olde and obſolete wordes are moſt vſed of cou
not amiſſe, that they bring great grace and, as o
albe amongſt many other faultes it ſpecially be
ther againſt Saluſte, that vvith ouer much ſtudie
by credence and honor of elder yeeres, yet I am
of the lyke, that thoſe auncient ſolemne worde
in the other; the one labouring to ſet forth in h
and the other carefully diſcourſing matters of g
ry ſayle not, Tullie in that booke, vvherein he